

Red Cross Workers Have Own Roles in Viet Nam

Long hours, hard work, and difficult operating conditions are the routine for some 200 American Red Cross staff currently serving in South Viet Nam, Gen. James F. Collins, ARC president, said today.

"The rapid turnover of military personnel, difficult communications, and the wide dispersal of troops challenge the initiative and ingenuity of Red Cross workers who are providing the traditional services to military personnel in South Viet Nam," General Collins said. "But with the outstanding cooperation of all the military services, members of the ARC field staff are carrying out their mission successfully in spite of unusually difficult circumstances."

General Collins and Robert C. Lewis, ARC vice president in charge of wide-wide ARC services to the Armed Forces, are back at ARC National Headquarters in Washington after a 21-day fact-finding visit to Red Cross activities in the Far East. During the on-the-spot review, the officials visited key ARC field operations, major military commands, and sister Red Cross societies in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, the Philippines, and South Viet Nam.

"IN VIET NAM, the military personnel from commanders to privates were enthusiastic about the job Red Cross staff members are doing," the Red Cross officials reported. "Long hours and a seven-day work week are normal there for our staff as well as the military... and the servicemen and officers deeply appreciate the job being done on their behalf."

Red Cross staff assist with immediate personal and family problems, with emergency messages, conduct recreation programs in hospitals and with center-clubhouse units, and furnish emergency financial assistance when necessary.

Red Cross workers are assigned with military units throughout South Viet Nam and work and live under the same conditions as the men they serve. "In this way they know the problems, the feelings, and build a close working relationship with the men in their assigned units. They handle more than 300 emergency messages a day," General Collins said.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross is also providing extensive services for wounded and hospitalized servicemen. Some 20 ARC hospital workers are assigned to South Viet Nam, including two on the Navy Hospital Ship Repose, but there are few American Red Cross volunteers there since U. S. dependents are not allowed in the country. How-

Novice Class In San Pedro Is Graduated

Graduation exercises for the novice obedience class were held by the San Pedro Obedience Training Club and Lomita Park and Recreation Department.

Owners with award-winning pets included Betty Gilbert, Warren Ho, Mitchell Toland, and Mrs. Ben Groscup. Junior handler trophy was awarded to Laura May Lacy.

Class judge was Jim Lacy. Charles Hart was trainer.

Registration will be open until Wednesday for the new novice class. The course consists of 10 weeks of training.

Trio Named To County Committee

Three members of the county's Citizen's Committee for Economy and Efficiency in Government have been re-appointed by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Named to new terms on the 15-member committee were Dr. John C. Bollens, a political science professor at UCLA; A. C. Rubel, former president of Union Oil Co., and Robert Mitchell, chairman of the board of Consolidated Rock Products Co.

"I have been pleased with the work of these men and it is fortunate for the county that they have agreed to serve another one-year term," Chace said.

ever, the wives of missionaries and embassy personnel of the United States and other countries are frequent visitors at the hospitals, it was stated.

Red Cross Center-Clubmobile units have been established at 13 locations throughout South Viet Nam. Requests for two additional clubs have been received from the mili-

tary and are under consideration.

"American Red Cross volunteers throughout the Far East are doing a magnificent job as the sick and wounded

from Viet Nam are flown to other hospitals in Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Guam, and Hawaii," General Collins pointed out.

"THEY ALSO meet every

medical evacuation flight carrying the troops back to the States, no matter what time of day or night they stop on the long lonely trip home. A smile, a cool soft

drink, a cookie or just some-let his family know of his line to talk to means more safe arrival.

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